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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. Draft resolution A/46/L.27

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5, 12, 15 and 16 of draft resolution A/46/L.27, the General Assembly would:

(a) Approve the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples covering its work during 1991, including the programme of work envisaged for 1992 (para. 5); 1/

(b) Request the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration and to carry out those actions approved by the General Assembly regarding the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in all Territories that have not yet attained independence and, in particular:

(i) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

(ii) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter of the United Nations with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

(iii) To continue to examine the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant resolutions on decolonization;

(iv) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the population of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

(v) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations (para. 12);

(c) Request the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide economic, social and other assistance to the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to continue to do so as appropriate, after they exercise their right to self-determination and independence (para. 15);

(d) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the resolution, as well as the other resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee (para. 16).

2. Draft resolution A/46/L.28

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of draft resolution A/46/L.28, the General Assembly would:

(a) Approve the chapter of the report of the Special Committee relating to the dissemination of information and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization (para. 1); 2/

(b) Request the Secretary-General, taking into account the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and, inter alia:

(i) To continue, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect, prepare and disseminate basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization and, in particular, to continue to publish the periodical Objective: Justice and other publications, special articles and studies, including the Decolonization series, and to increase the information on all the Territories under consideration by the Special Committee, selecting appropriate material for wider dissemination by reprints in various languages;

(ii) To seek the full cooperation of the administering Powers in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(iii) To intensify the decolonization-oriented activities of all United Nations information centres;

(iv) To maintain a working relationship with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and appropriate regional and intergovernmental organizations, particularly in the Pacific and Caribbean regions, by holding periodic consultations and exchanging information;

(v) To solicit, in consultation with United Nations information centres, assistance in the dissemination of information on decolonization from non-governmental organizations;

(vi) To continue to produce comprehensive press releases for all meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies;

(vii) To ensure that the necessary facilities and services to that end are made available;

(viii) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in the implementation of the resolution (para. 3);

(c) Request the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (para. 5).

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

3. By its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, the General Assembly established the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Subsequently, the mandate of the Special Committee has been extended annually by the Assembly in successive resolutions, most recently by resolution 45/34 of 20 November 1990. Also annually, the Assembly approves an extensive programme of dissemination of information on decolonization, the latest of which was adopted under resolution 45/35 of

20 November 1990. By specific resolutions dealing with individual Territories, the General Assembly, each year, requests the Special Committee to keep under review the situation in those Territories.

4. The activities called for in draft resolution A/46/L.27 would fall under subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, of programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 3/ Furthermore, the information activities as proposed in draft resolution A/46/L.28 would fall under programme 38, Public information, of the medium-term plan. 4/

5. The estimated cost of the anticipated activities of the Special Committee are provided for in section 6A.2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 5/ in view of their "perennial" character. The related provisions under that subsection amount to $618,300 for the biennium. Furthermore, the substantive servicing of the Special Committee is covered under various activities of subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, of section 6C of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, the information activities in relation to decolonization are covered under the activity "self-determination and decolonization" of subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and under various activities of subprogramme 2, Information services, of section 31, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 6/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

6. The activities required for the implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraphs 5 and 12 of draft resolution A/46/L.27 are referred to by the Special Committee in paragraphs 121 to 132 of its annual report to the General Assembly. 7/ It is estimated that these activities are adequately reflected in section 6A.2 (para. 6.16) of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. The full cost of implementing the programme of regular activities under draft resolution A/46/L.27 in 1992 is estimated at $309,000 and a breakdown of this estimate appears in the annex to the present document.

7. As regards the activities proposed in operative paragraph 15 of draft resolution A/46/L.27, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required for their implementation at the present stage. Should the need for United Nations assistance to be provided to particular States arise in the course of 1992, the plans for those activities would be submitted to the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council for consideration in due course.

8. The activities referred to in operative paragraph 16 of draft resolution A/46/L.27 have also been programmed in terms of substantive servicing of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies under subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, of section 6C of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. The related resources have been proposed under section 6C of the 1992-1993

programme budget. No additional resources for substantive servicing of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies would therefore be required. Furthermore, the meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies at Headquarters are included in the 1992 calendar of meetings and conferences 8/ and their cost would be accommodated from within the resources proposed under section 32 of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget.

9. With regard to the indications contained in paragraphs 131 and 133 of the Special Committee's report 7/ that it might hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters in 1992, it should be recalled that the Special Committee is authorized under the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) and resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970 to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. The Special Committee would take advantage of any invitations that it might receive in that connection. As soon as the particulars of such meetings are available and subject to the availability of the requisite conference services and facilities, the Secretary-General would submit to the Special Committee a statement of the related programme budget implications pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in that regard and would seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedures if that need is warranted.

10. The activities required for the implementation of the requests contained in draft resolution A/46/L.28, are referred to by the Special Committee in paragraphs 128 and 130 of its annual report to the General Assembly. 7/ They have been programmed in the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget under:

(a) Section 6C, subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization;

(b) Section 31, subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and subprogramme 2, Information services.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

11. Should the General Assembly approve the requests contained in draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28, their implementation would not require any modification of the relevant subprogrammes under sections 6C or 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Conclusions

12. On the basis of information provided above, it is estimated that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28 no modifications in the programme of work for 1992-1993 contained in sections 6A, 6C and 31 of the proposed programme budget would be required.

13. Although the financial requirements for the activities of the Special Committee, at full cost, are estimated at $309,000 for 1992 by applying the previous ratio of 70 per cent of actual utilization of resources, in the light of experience over the past three bienniums, it is estimated that no more than $216,300 would be required. The estimated requirements of $216,300 fall within the provisions of section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium. Thus, on the basis of the information provided in paragraphs 1 to 11 above, it is estimated that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28 no additional resources over and above those proposed under sections 6 and 31 for the 1992-1993 biennium would be required.

Notes

1/ A/46/23 (Part I), chap. I, sect. J.

2/ A/46/23 (Part II), chap. II.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

4/ Ibid., vol. II.

5/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I, paras. 6.14 to 6.17.

6/ Ibid., vol. II, sect. 31, part A, Programme narrative.

7/ A/46/23 (Part I), chap. I.

8/ A/46/32 and Add.1, annex II.

Annex

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE 1991 AND 1992 PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITY OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (AT FULL COST)

	1991 A/C.5/45/35		1992	
	Number of events	$	Number of events	$
I. Regular activities				
1. Visiting missions	2	73 500	2	81 300
2. Missions of consultation with specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations; participation in these activities	12	106 200	12	74 700
3. Missions of consultation with OAU, OAS, CARICOM and other regional institutions in the Caribbean region and the South Pacific Forum and other regional institutions in the Pacific region	4	50 500	5	61 400
4. Mission of consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council	1	7 100	1	7 000
5. Missions of participation in activities by non-governmental organizations	10	32 900	6	27 300
6. Participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories and individuals in the Special Committee's meetings at Headquarters	-	-	-	57 300
Total I		270 200		309 000

	1991 A/C.5/45/35		1992	
	Number of events	$	Number of events	$
II. Estimated 1992 requirements (on the basis of a 70 per cent ratio of projected actual expenditures to full cost)	-	-	-	216 300
III. Estimated resources proposed for 1992 under section 6A.2 of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget	-	-	-	301 100

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/C.3/46/L.26, A/C.3/46/L.41, A/C.3/46/L.42 and A/C.3/46/L.56 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

INTRODUCTION

1. At its 55th meeting, held on 29 November 1991, the Third Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A/C.3/46/L.26, A/C.3/46/L.41, A/C.3/46/L.42 and A/C.3/46/L.56 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47. Statements of programme budget implications were before the Committee in documents A/C.3/46/L.35, A/C.3/46/L.65 and A/C.3/46/L.66.

I. WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.26

2. By operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.26, the General Assembly would take note with appreciation of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session. 1/

3. By operative paragraph 4, the General Assembly would decide, in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee:

(a) That the provisional agenda for the World Conference and the documentation related thereto be taken up by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

(b) That the draft rules of procedure for the World Conference be taken up by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

(c) That the World Conference be convened at Berlin, for a period of two weeks in 1993;

(d) That the Secretary-General give the conference and the preparatory process thereto the widest possible publicity and ensure full coordination of public information activities in the area of human rights within the United Nations system;

(e) That the Preparatory Committee would meet for three further sessions at Geneva, twice in 1992 and once in 1993, the next session to last two weeks and the two further sessions one to two weeks each if this is agreed to be necessary, and decides also that no more than two meetings take place simultaneously during the session of the Preparatory Committee and that no inter-sessional working group be established;

(f) To reiterate its invitation for contributions of extrabudgetary resources to meet the costs of participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the preparatory meetings including regional meetings and the World Conference itself, and to request the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts in this regard;

(g) That, in accordance with the objectives and provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/155, regional meetings be convened for each region that so desires within the institutional framework or with the assistance of the regional commissions and that these meetings be financed as part of the preparatory work for the World Conference, as recommended for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 1991/30;

(h) To request the Secretary-General to prepare the following documentation as soon as possible and to report to the next session of the Preparatory Committee on the progress made on:

(i) A limited number of short, analytical and action-oriented studies on issues referred to in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 45/155, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 and in particular in paragraph 2 of the annex thereto, and also bearing in mind documentation prepared for, as well as statements made at, the first session of the Preparatory Committee;

(ii) Reports of meetings that have been organized under the auspices of the United Nations human rights programme pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/155;

(iii) A reference guide to all United Nations studies and reports on human rights or related aspects;

(iv) An update of the publication United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights;

(v) An update of the Compilation of International Instruments and the Status of international instruments, including also texts of regional instruments on human rights;

(i) To note further that the Preparatory Committee decided that the experts and consultants employed for this purpose should be selected with due regard to equitable geographical distribution;

(j) To encourage the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, the chairpersons or other designated members of human rights bodies, including the chairpersons of bodies established under international human rights instruments or their designated representatives, as well as special and thematic rapporteurs and the chairpersons or designated members of working groups, to contribute as observers by taking part as appropriate in the work of the Preparatory Committee and the World Conference.

4. By operative paragraph 6, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to encourage initiatives on the national, regional and international levels designed to make the World Conference process a success.

5. By operative paragraphs 7 and 8, the General Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Committee with all necessary assistance and would request the Preparatory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on progress in the work of the Committee.

B. Relationship of requests to proposed programme of work

6. The above requests are related to programmes 35 and 38 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 2/ and to sections 28 (Human rights) and 31 (Public information) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 3/ In paragraph 28.35 of this programme budget, a non-recurrent amount of $1.5 million is proposed for the Conference preparations.

C. Resource requirements

7. To undertake the activities identified by the Preparatory Committee, it is proposed to strengthen the Centre for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information.

Staffing

8. The following additional resources would be required:

(a) To provide overall coordination and management, general temporary assistance would be required equivalent to 1 P-5 level post for 20 work-months;

(b) To assist in the preparation of sessions of the Preparatory Committee and other related working groups and the preparation of their reports, general temporary assistance would be required equivalent to 1 P-4 level post for 20 work-months;

(c) To assist those involved in the coordination and preparation of sessions and reports, the equivalent of 2 General Service level posts would be needed for 20 work-months;

(d) To assist in the preparation of studies, reports and updates of other documents as well as a reference guide, general temporary assistance equivalent to 1 P-4 level and 1 General Service level post for 18 work-months each would be required;

(e) To assist in the liaison work with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and human rights institutions, general temporary assistance equivalent to 1 P-3 for 12 work-months (6 in 1992 and 6 in 1993), would be necessary;

(f) In addition, expertise would also be needed to undertake the requested analytical studies and reports. It is proposed to include a request for 36 work-months of consultants during the preparatory period, at a cost of $180,000.

9. It is also proposed to provide the conference secretariat with electronic data-processing (EDP) equipment, which would include two lap-top units, three personal computers and three laser printers, related softwares and linkages with other services. The cost for this equipment would be $25,000.

Preparatory meetings

10. Pursuant to operative paragraph 4 II of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Preparatory Committee would meet for three further sessions at Geneva, twice in 1992 and once in 1993. The next session in 1992 would be for two weeks while the remaining two sessions would be of one to two weeks' duration each. The Assembly would decide further to recommend that no more than two meetings take place simultaneously during the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and that no inter-sessional working group be established.

11. The conference-servicing requirements for these meetings are estimated at $2,100,600. A synoptic presentation of the meetings and their requirements is annexed to the present document.

12. The cost for information coverage of the Preparatory Committee meetings in 1992 and 1993 at Geneva would amount to $15,000.

13. It should be noted that, in connection with paragraph 4 III of the draft resolution and paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 45/155, the Secretary-General has established a trust fund for the purpose of accepting contributions to meet, inter alia, the cost of participation of representatives of least developed countries in the preparatory meetings and the Conference itself. Contributions are expected in the near future.

Regional meetings

14. It is envisaged that there would be four meetings in 1992 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). The full conference-servicing requirements are estimated at $572,400, details of which are provided in the annex to the present document. Of this amount $452,400 would be accommodated from within sections 23, 24 and 26 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and the remaining amount of $120,000 from section 32. In addition, a provision of $20,000 would be required for travel of staff from the Centre for Human Rights to each of the regional meetings.

Public information

15. The public information programme for the World Conference would emphasize the purpose and objectives of the World Conference and would aim at enhancing public awareness of major human rights issues, keeping in view the equal importance and indivisibility of all categories of human rights as well as the interrelationship between human rights and development with full respect for the Charter of the United Nations. The information programme would (a) inform on the preparatory activities leading up to the Conference; (b) inform on the key issues of the agenda of the Conference; (c) help to create an awareness of the significance of the Conference and of the United Nations in the field of human rights; (d) highlight some of the basic problems faced in different regions of the world; and (e) continue to publicize existing United Nations declarations and international instruments. It would be targeted mainly to the following audiences worldwide: media especially interested in human rights issues, government officials, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, educational institutions and secondary school students.

16. In connection with the Preparatory Committee's decision that the Secretary-General give the Conference and its preparation the widest possible publicity and in order to utilize fully the opportunities offered by the convening of the World Conference, several information activities are envisaged to be carried out by the Centre. It is estimated that additional external printing costs as well as staff and expert travel costs would be necessary for the following activities:

(a) A special series of fact sheets devoted to the Conference would include items on the preparatory process, as well as some of the substantive items on the agenda of the Conference;

(b) Two or more special issues of the Bulletin of Human Rights containing articles by international personalities on the objectives and possible outcome of the World Conference;

(c) Assistance in the establishment of national committees for the World Conference would include the distribution of general documentation on human rights and on the Conference itself;

(d) Wider dissemination of the manual on the reporting obligations under the six human rights instruments;

(e) Printing and distribution in an ad hoc format of the Final Proclamation and related documents of the 1968 Teheran Conference;

(f) Development of a teaching manual for human rights education at higher levels to be widely distributed in schools, together with the ABC: Teaching Human Rights;

(g) Awarding of a human rights prize to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights;

(h) Participation in meetings in all regions within the framework of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights to work with specific target groups (such as NGOs, academic and research institutions and parliamentarians) on the aims and objectives of the World Conference.

17. Resources amounting to $326,800 have already been included in section 28 (Human rights) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 under external printing, for inter alia, Fact Sheets, issues of the Bulletin of Human Rights, the Status of Human Rights International Instruments and Compilation of International Instruments. In addition to these resources, it is recommended to provide the Centre with additional assistance as follows:

(a) An additional amount of $100,000 for external printing and dissemination costs;

(b) An amount of $10,000 for a human rights prize;

(c) An amount of $30,000 for travel of staff and $20,000 for individuals participating as resource persons in meetings within the framework of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights.

18. The information programme on the World Conference to be carried out by the Department of Public Information would include information products for dissemination in various formats (print, film, radio and television) as well as other promotional activities. Activities and resources already included in

the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, and additional ones, are detailed below:

		Included in proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993	Additional request
		(In thousands of US$)	
(i)	Pre-Conference illustrated brochure on the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights and Conference preparations, in mid-1992, in the six official languages plus German (100,000 copies)	-	65 000
(ii)	Multi-colour poster for the Conference, in early 1993, in the six official languages with additional copies for overprinting in German (60,000 copies)	-	55 000
(iii)	Press information kit on the human rights situation and United Nations efforts to promote and protect human rights, in the first quarter of 1993, in English, French, and Spanish, for a selected list of media organizations and NGOs (12,000 kits)	57 000	50 000
(iv)	Series of background notes, periodically, within the United Nations Focus series (English, French and Spanish), to cover in greater detail the issues before the Conference	10 000	-
(v)	Special supplements on the issues before the Conference and pre-Conference activities in the periodical United Nations Chronicle, which appears in the six official United Nations languages, and regular coverage in the Development Forum, which appears in English, French and Spanish	5 400	-
(vi)	Special edition of the publication Notes for Speakers, in 1993, in English (10,000 copies), French (5,000 copies) and Spanish (5,000 copies)	-	60 000

		Included in proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993	Additional request
		(In thousands of US$)	
(vii)	Local information programmes by selected centres among the network of 67 United Nations information centres and information services. These would include the organization at the national level of information activities such as seminars, panel discussions, exhibits and the reproduction of information material into local languages, to publicize the Conference. Seed money would be made available to selected information centres	-	40 000
(viii)	Reprints of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in the official languages of the United Nations and in German, as well as other international human rights instruments would continue in 1992-1993	35 000	-
(ix)	Series of special radio feature documentaries in the six official United Nations languages and other languages would be produced within the Perspective series	-	15 000
(x)	One segment of the television programme "UN in Action" would be produced for use on the Cable News Network (CNN) weekly programme "World Report", which is seen in 90 countries. The Department would distribute this item in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish to additional broadcasters worldwide	13 000	-
(xi)	Two or more half-hour programmes in the television series "World Chronicle" would include interviews with leading personalities in the field of human rights and the preparations for the World Conference	4 600	-

		Included in proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993	Additional request
		(In thousands of US$)	
(xii)	Additional resources to allow for a world-wide distribution of the print and audiovisual products mentioned above	-	50 000
(xiii)	Fellowships would also be provided for journalists from developing countries to attend a two-day pre-Conference Journalists' Encounter and the Conference itself. They would be briefed on the main issues on the agenda. The Encounter would also be open to all journalists accredited to the Conference. The cost for the travel and per diem of the journalists selected from developing countries to attend the Encounter and to cover the Conference would be	25 000	75 000
(xiv)	An inter-agency working group would be established by the Department of Public Information in New York in early 1992 to encourage joint inter-agency as well as individual information activities, within the framework of the Joint United Nations Information Committee, in order to strengthen system-wide information activities on the Conference aimed at targeted audiences. No financial implications are expected to arise from this activity	-	-
	Total	150 000	410 000

The Conference

19. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.26, the General Assembly would decide that the World Conference on Human Rights be convened at Berlin for a period of two weeks in 1993. General Assembly resolution 40/243 provides that the United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. For the purposes of the present statement, the venue of the Conference has been taken to be Geneva, the site of the secretariat of the Conference. Should the General Assembly adopt the proposal to hold the Conference at Berlin, it is understood that all costs over and above those estimated for Geneva would be met by the host country.

20. In addition, the following assumptions are made:

(a) The Conference would meet for 10 days;

(b) It would be preceded by three days of pre-Conference consultations;

(c) There would be three simultaneous meetings in the morning and the afternoon for a total of six meetings daily. The languages of the Conference would be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. There would be 500 pages of pre-session, 400 pages of in-session, and 150 pages of post-session documentation;

(d) A provision of $6,000 would be required for overtime;

(e) An amount of $6,000 would be required for an official reception for the Conference participants;

(f) The cost of information coverage of the Conference itself has been estimated at $100,000. This figure is based on workload standards for coverage of major conferences.

21. The estimated costs, therefore, relating to the convening of the Conference itself and the pre-Conference consultations would be as follows:

	1992-1993 (In United States dollars)
Conference-servicing requirements	1 376 400
Other costs	112 000
Total	1 488 400

22. To recapitulate, the total requirements for the preparatory activities and the Conference itself would amount to $6,040,400, as summarized below:

		1992-1993 (In thousands of United States dollars)
A.	SECRETARIAT	
	General temporary assistance (para. 8)	1 029.0
	Consultants (para. 8 (f))	180.0
	Travel of participants (para. 17 (c))	20.0
	Overtime (para. 20 (d))	6.0
	Official travel of staff (paras. 14 and 17 (c))	90.0
	External printing (para. 17 (a))	100.0
	Hospitality (para. 20 (e))	6.0
	Grants (para. 17 (b))	10.0
	Acquisition of EDP equipment (para. 9)	25.0
B.	PUBLIC INFORMATION (paras. 12, 18, 20 (f))	525.0
	Subtotal A and B	1 991.0
C.	CONFERENCE SERVICING	
	Preparatory committees	2 100.6
	Regional meetings (ECLAC, ECA, ESCAP)	452.4
	Regional meeting (ECE)	120.0
	Pre-conference consultations	49.3
	1993 Conference	1 327.1
	Subtotal C	4 049.4
	Total (A, B and C)	6 040.4

23. By operative paragraph 4 VI, the General Assembly would encourage the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, the chairpersons or other designated members of human rights bodies, including the chairpersons of bodies established under international human rights agreements or their designated representatives, as well as special and thematic rapporteurs and the chairpersons or designated members of working groups, to contribute as observers by taking part as appropriate in the work of the Preparatory Committee and the World Conference, which is not interpreted as implying financing from the United Nations. Should the General Assembly decide otherwise, the travel costs for the above-mentioned persons would amount to $400,000 and would need to be added to the total estimated cost of the Conference.

Conference-servicing costs

24. The estimates of conference-servicing costs of $3,597,000 for 1992-1993 are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 of the proposed programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. However, as indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the proposed programme budget, the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that are programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at that time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Other costs

25. In paragraph 28.35 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 it is stated "while it is clear that there would be additional requirements in 1992 and 1993, it is not, however, feasible at this stage to ascertain with any degree of precision the additional requirements that would arise in respect of preparations for the Conference. Requirements, such as activities at the international, regional and national levels and the addition of temporary staff and resources for travel and consultants as well as resources for the Department of Public Information, would be defined after the first session of the Preparatory Committee scheduled for September 1991. It is, therefore, proposed to include a non-recurrent amount of $1,500,000 which should cover such requirements as mentioned above".

26. The total amount now proposed ($1,991,000), which includes among other objects of expenditure general temporary assistance equivalent to one P-5, two P-4, one P-3 and three General Service level posts as detailed in paragraph 7, is $491,000 over the amount ($1,500,000) included in section 28 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Of the total requirements ($1,991,000), the amount of $525,000 relates to public information activities for the Conference.

D. Contingency Fund

27. Under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Also, each statement of programme budget implications should contain alternatives to the financing from the Contingency Fund of the proposed new activities.

28. In paragraph 7 of resolution 45/155, the General Assembly decided that the preparatory process and the Conference itself should be funded through the regular budget of the United Nations without any implications for the programmes provided for under section 23 of the programme budget. Therefore, no activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under sections 28 and 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the Contingency Fund, the implementation of activities requested in draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.26 would have to be deferred, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the Contingency Fund adopted by the Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

E. Summary

29. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.26, an additional appropriation of $491,000 would be required, broken down as follows:

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Section 28	(34 000)
Section 31	525 000
Total	491 000

II. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING REPORTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FOR REVISION OF ARTICLE 8, PARAGRAPH 6, OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

A. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.41 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47

30. In operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.41, the General Assembly would invite the States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment to consider, as a matter of priority, all possibilities for putting arrangements for meeting the costs of implementing those treaties on a viable, guaranteed basis, including by considering possible amendment to the funding provisions of those treaties.

31. In operative paragraph 12, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendation made in October 1990 by the meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies, that the General Assembly take appropriate measures to ensure the financing of each of the committees from the United Nations regular budget.

32. In operative paragraph 13, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to take the appropriate steps in order to finance the biennial meetings of persons chairing the human rights bodies from the available resources of the regular budget of the United Nations.

33. In draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47, the General Assembly would be made aware that the Government of Australia had notified the Secretary-General, in writing (A/C.3/46/5), of a request for amendment to article 8, paragraph 6, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by substituting the existing paragraph with a new paragraph reading "The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall provide the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee under the Convention." and by adding a new paragraph reading "The members of the Committee established under the present Convention shall receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide." and would note that article 23 of the Convention required the General Assembly to decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such a request. In addition, the Assembly would decide to request the States parties to the Convention to consider the proposed amendment at their next meeting in January 1992 and would request the meeting of States parties to limit the scope of any revision of the Convention to the question of arrangements for meeting the expenses of members of the Committee while they were in performance of Committee duties as provided for in article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention.

34. In connection with the above, reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General (A/46/650) on the implications of full funding for the operation of all human rights treaty bodies. That report provides information concerning the seven international human rights instruments in force that provide for monitoring of treaty implementation by expert bodies (para. 2). These instruments and their respective treaty bodies are listed below:

Instrument	Treaty body
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	Human Rights Committee
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Instrument	Treaty body
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	Committee against Torture
Convention on the Rights of the Child	Committee on the Rights of the Child
International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid	Group of Three

While the activities of five of these treaties are fully funded from the regular budget of the United Nations, those of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee against Torture are either partially funded by the United Nations or exclusively funded by assessments of States parties under specific scales of assessment.

35. In addition, the report also provides details regarding the legal implications of amending the respective Conventions by the States parties to the two treaties (paras. 6-9), indicating that:

> "given the injunction of article 26 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties that 'every treaty in force is binding upon the parties to it and must be performed by them in good faith', States cannot be absolved of their financial obligations under the relevant treaties. It would appear, therefore, that it would be necessary to invoke the amendment provisions in the two treaties if responsibility for funding the activities of the two bodies were to be formally vested in the United Nations."

Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.41 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47, it is understood that a number of steps would have to be taken by States parties to amend the Conventions before the Assembly could take a decision to transfer the costs relating to the functioning of the two treaty bodies to the regular budget.

36. Nevertheless, for information purposes, the estimates of the costs of the activities under both Conventions during the biennium 1992-1993 are as follows:

	Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination $ 1992-1993	Convention against Torture $ 1992-1993
Activities of treaty bodies		
Travel and subsistence costs of members of the Committees		
18 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	300 000	
10 members of the Committee against Torture		228 500
Staffing requirements	-	675 000
Subtotal	300 000	903 500
Conference-servicing costs		
Four sessions of the Committees (two each year)	-	2 100 000
Meetings of States parties (biennial session in 1993)	-	39 900
Subtotal	-	2 139 900
Total	300 000	3 043 400

37. It should be noted that the staffing situation of the Committee against Torture reflects the requirements established for the Centre for Human Rights, that is, 1 P-4, 1 P-2 and 1 General Service. These posts are currently financed under the arrangements of the Convention against Torture. Staffing for the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is included within the regular budget resources of the Centre for Human Rights (section 28). In addition, the conference-servicing costs of both the biennial meeting of States parties and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination have already been included in the overall conference-servicing budget estimates under section 32.

38. In connection with draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47 concerning emoluments for members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, it should be noted that this issue is guided by General Assembly resolutions 35/218 of 17 December 1980 and 44/201 A of 21 December 1989, section VII. Under the terms of resolution 35/218, an amount of $5,000 a year is provided to the Chairman and $3,000 a year to each of the members of the Human Rights Committee, which would appear to have been entrusted with functions similar to those entrusted to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The related annual costs for emoluments of the members of the Committee would therefore amount to $56,000.

39. As regards the travel and subsistence costs for the biennial meetings of persons chairing the human rights bodies, they are estimated at $21,000 and would be absorbed from within the relevant provisions already made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The conference-servicing requirements for the five-day meeting which would be scheduled for 1992 would amount to $59,700, broken down as follows:

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I.	Pre-session documentation (10 pages, 2 documents: E,F,S)	6 500
II.	Meeting servicing (Interpretation: 10 meetings - E,F,S)	28 400
III.	In-session documentation (21 pages, 3 documents: E,F,S)	12 200
IV.	Post-session documentation	12 600
	Total	59 700

40. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.41 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47, no additional appropriation would be required at this stage. It is understood, however, that once the amendment process of the Conventions was completed, the Secretary-General would submit to the General Assembly his proposals on the related costs to be transferred to the United Nations regular budget.

B. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.42, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child"

41. Operative paragraphs 9, 11 and 12 of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.42 read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

...

"9. Supports the organization of the future work of the Committee on the basis of two sessions per year, each of two or three weeks duration, and the establishment of a pre-sessional working group for a preliminary review of reports from States parties;

...

"11. Invites the Secretary-General to convene a brief meeting of the States parties to the Convention, preferably during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to determine the duration of the future meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, prior to the consideration of the question by the Assembly;

"12. Requests the Secretary-General to consider favourably the possibility of enabling a working group of the whole of the Committee to meet in 1992."

42. With regard to operative paragraph 9 on the organization of the future work of the Committee, it should be recalled that under the terms of the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/25, the Committee on the Rights of the Child meets annually for a period of three weeks. Therefore, the second session during a year represents an additional requirement that has not been programmed in the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. Moreover, if meetings of the pre-sessional working group are scheduled before the Committee's sessions, such requirement would lead to additional travel and subsistence costs for five expected members of that Working Group.

43. The additional requirements, as discussed in paragraph 42 above, are estimated as follows:

Substantive costs (for 1993)

	$ (at 1992 rates)
Travel and subsistence for 10 members of the Committee for a second session of three weeks	67 500
Additional travel and subsistence for five members participating in each pre-sessional working group	33 500
Conference-servicing requirements	
Second session of three weeks in 1993	700 800
(Interpretation, 30 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
(Pre-session documentation: 200 pages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
(In-session documentation: 20 pages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
(Post-session documentation: 20 pages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
(Summary records: 30 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
Two pre-sessional working groups in 1993 (Interpretation, 10 meetings each: A,C,E,F,R,S)	98 200

44. In connection with the request to enable a working group of the whole of the Committee to meet in 1992 (operative para. 12), it has been understood, upon consultation, that the 1992 session of the Committee would be shortened by one week to enable the working group to have its session.

45. As regards the holding of one meeting of States parties (operative para. 11), preferably during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to determine the duration of the future meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, it is understood that efforts would be made to use for that purpose the conference-servicing resources allocated to the Third Committee.

46. Should the General Assembly approve draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.42, no additional appropriation would be required at this stage. It is understood, however, that once the States Parties have determined the duration of the future meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, prior to consideration by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would submit to the General Assembly his proposals for additional costs.

C. Summary

47. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.3/46/L.41 and A/C.3/46/L.42 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47, no additional appropriation would be required at this stage.

III. INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

A. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.56

48. By operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.56, the General Assembly would adopt the annexed programme of activities for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People.

49. By operative paragraph 8, the General Assembly would decide that the Coordinator of the International Year should convene early in 1992 a technical meeting of agencies, regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system with representatives of States, organizations of indigenous people and other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in indigenous matters.

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

50. The activities proposed in the draft resolution are related to major programmes 35 and 38, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 2/ and to section 28, Human rights, and section 31, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 3/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

51. With regard to the programme of activities, especially those to be undertaken by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in cooperation with the Coordinator and in consultation with indigenous organizations, it is understood that the public information activities would be carried out beginning in 1993.

52. In connection with the convening early in 1992 of a technical meeting of agencies, regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system with representatives of States, organizations of indigenous people and other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in indigenous matters, it is proposed to hold a three-day meeting in 1992 for a total of six meetings with interpretation in six languages.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

53. In connection with the public information activities, no additional requirements would be necessary as these can be accommodated within resources provided in section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

54. The conference-servicing requirements relating to the convening of the technical meeting would amount to $97,200, broken down as follows:

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I.	Pre-session documentation (10 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	12 800
II.	Meeting servicing (Interpretation: 6 meetings - A,C,E,F,R,S)	59 100
III.	In-session documentation (10 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	12 500
IV.	Post-session documentation (10 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	12 800
	Total	97 200

55. These estimates of conference-servicing costs are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 of the proposed programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. However, as indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the proposed programme budget, 3/ the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that are programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at that time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Summary

56. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/46/L.56, no additional appropriation would be required.

IV. CONCLUSION

57. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/C.3/46/L.26, A/C.3/46/L.41, A/C.3/46/L.42 and A/C.3/46/L.56 and draft decision A/C.3/46/L.47, the following additional appropriation would be required:

(i) A/C.3/46/L.26: an additional appropriation of $491,000 would be required, broken down as follows:

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Section 28	(34 000)
Section 31	525 000

(ii) A/C.3/46/L.41: no additional appropriation;

(iii) A/C.3/46/L.42: no additional appropriation;

(iv) A/C.3/46/L.47: no additional appropriation;

(v) A/C.3/46/L.56: no additional appropriation.

Notes

1/ A/46/24.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

3/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

Annex

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE-SERVICING REQUIREMENTS

	Location	Date	Duration (working days)	Number of pages			Language	Daily meetings	Conference-servicing costs (US$)
				Pre-	In-session	Post-			
Preparatory Committee a/ (Second session)	Geneva	Spring 1992	10	200	200	70	6	4	792 000
Preparatory Committee (Third session)	Geneva	Fall 1992	10	150	150	70	6	4	672 600
Preparatory Committee (Fourth session)	Geneva	Spring 1993	10	150	100	32	6	4	636 000
Regional meetings									
ECLAC	Santiago	1992	5	100	50	20	3 EFS	2	122 000
ECA	Addis Ababa	1992	5	100	50	20	3 AEF	2	122 400
ESCAP	Bangkok	1992	5	100	50	20	4 CEFR	2	208 000
ECE	Geneva	1992	5	100	50	20	3 EFS	2	120 000
Pre-conference consultations	Geneva b/	1993	3	-	-	10	6	2	49 300
1993 Conference	Geneva b/	1993	10	500	400	150	6	6	1 327 100
Total									4 049 400

a/ The first session of the Preparatory Committee was held at Geneva from 9 to 13 September 1991.

b/ Cost estimates based on Geneva.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

QUESTION OF PALESTINE

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/46/L.33, A/46/L.34 and A/46/L.35

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. Draft resolution A/46/L.33

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 of draft resolution A/46/L.33, the General Assembly would:

(a) Authorize the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to continue to exert all efforts to promote the implementation of its recommendations, including representation at conferences and meetings and the sending of delegations, to make such adjustments in its approved programme of seminars and symposia and meetings for non-governmental organizations as it may consider necessary, to give special emphasis to the need to mobilize public opinion in Europe and North America, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session and thereafter;

(b) Request the Committee to continue to extend its cooperation to non-governmental organizations in their contribution towards heightening international awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine and creating a more favourable atmosphere for the full implementation of the Committee's recommendations, and to take the necessary steps to expand its contacts with those organizations;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with all the necessary facilities for the performance of its tasks.

2. Draft resolution A/46/L.34

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of draft resolution A/46/L.34, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat with the necessary resources, including a computer-based information system, and to ensure that it continues to discharge the tasks detailed in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B, paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 34/65 D, paragraph 3 of resolution 36/120 B, paragraph 3 of resolution 38/58 B, paragraph 3 of resolution 40/96 B, paragraph 2 of resolution 42/66 B and paragraph 2 of resolution 44/41 B, in consultation with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and under its guidance;

(b) Also request the Secretary-General to ensure the continued cooperation of the Department of Public Information and other units of the Secretariat in enabling the Division for Palestinian Rights to perform its tasks and in covering adequately the various aspects of the question of Palestine.

3. Draft resolution A/46/L.35

3. Under operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/46/L.35, the General Assembly would request the Department of Public Information, in full cooperation and coordination with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to continue, with the necessary flexibility as may be required by developments affecting the question of Palestine, its special information programme on the question of Palestine for the biennium 1992-1993, with particular emphasis on public opinion in Europe and North America and, in particular:

(a) To disseminate information on all the activities of the United Nations system relating to the question of Palestine, including reports of the work carried out by the relevant United Nations organs;

(b) To continue to issue and update publications on the various aspects of the question of Palestine, including Israeli violations of the human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories as reported by the relevant United Nations organs;

(c) To expand its audiovisual material on the question of Palestine, including the production of such material;

(d) To organize and promote fact-finding news missions for journalists to the area, including to the occupied territories;

(e) To organize international, regional and national encounters for journalists.

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

4. The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People was established under the terms of General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975. The Committee's mandate and supporting work by the Division for Palestinian Rights have been the subject of successive resolutions of the General Assembly since then, most recently resolutions 45/67 A and B of 6 December 1990.

5. The activities proposed in response to the requests contained in the draft resolutions relate to programme 5 (Question of Palestine) and to programme 38 (Public information) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/

6. Related provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 2/ under section 4 (Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services) and section 31 (Public information).

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

7. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.33, reimbursement would be provided for the costs of travel by members of the Committee, pursuant to the provision of paragraph 1 (a) above, and substantive services would be provided for the Committee's work.

8. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.34, necessary preparations would be made for the organization, coordination and substantive servicing of three regional seminars of five days' duration, two regional seminars of four days'duration, two regional seminars of two days' duration, two regional symposia of two days' duration, five regional symposia of three days' duration, four preparatory meetings of two days' duration and two international meetings of non-governmental organizations of three days' duration. The assumptions made with regard to the holding of these meetings are detailed in annexes I and II below. A comparison with those made for 1990-1991 is shown in annex III. Provision would also be made for the Division for Palestinian Rights to carry out the tasks referred to in paragraph 2 (a) above, including the preparation of publications and liaison and consultation with non-governmental organizations. As regards development of a computer-based information system, it is assumed that this would go beyond the computerized database referred to in paragraph 4.28 of the proposed programme budget. Contacts would be pursued in this respect with the

Electronic Services Division and with those political departments and offices operating or developing similar systems with a view to designing the most appropriate, efficient and economical system for the Division's needs in carrying out the responsibilities outlined in the draft resolutions and to avoiding duplication in development of such systems. The Division for Palestinian Rights, in consultation with the Electronic Services Division, would ensure that office automation equipment acquired during 1992-1993, for which provision is made under section 1 of the proposed programme budget, is consistent with the requirements of the system being developed.

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.35, the Department of Public Information, in full cooperation and coordination with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, would continue its special information programme on the question of Palestine, using the necessary flexibility as might be required by developments affecting the question of Palestine.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

10. The activities outlined in section C above are programmed under sections 4 and 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. No modifications would be required.

E. Potential for absorption

11. As regards the substantive costs of activities outlined in section C above, provision has already been made under sections 4 and 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. With respect to the computer-based information system, referred to in paragraphs 2 (a) and 8 above, development work will be required before detailed requirements can be determined. As indicated in paragraph 8 above, it is proposed to initiate this process with a view to designing the most appropriate, efficient and economical systems development. Accordingly, no additional requirements would arise at this stage. Depending on the results of the development work, however, a request for additional resources might be made at a future session of the General Assembly.

12. As regards conference-servicing costs for the programme of meetings, referred to in paragraph 8 above and detailed in the annexes to the present document, section 32 (Conference services) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 includes provision not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that may be authorized subsequently. This provision is based on past experience and assumes that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in 1992-1993 will be consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolutions.

F. Conclusion

13. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/46/L.33, A/46/L.34 and A/46/L.35, no additional appropriations would be required under section 4, 31 or 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. It would also be necessary for the General Assembly to approve an exception to the provisions of its resolution 40/243, under which all bodies should meet at their established headquarters, in respect of those meetings detailed in the attached annexes which are to be held away from the established headquarters of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1).

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

Annex I

1992-1993 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

1. It is expected that the following meetings will take place during the biennium 1992-1993:

1992

Four regional seminars (Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and North America (to be held in New York));

Four symposia for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) (Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America (to be held in New York) and Europe (to be held at Geneva));

One preparatory meeting for the North American symposium (to be held in New York);

One preparatory meeting for the international NGO meeting (to be held at Geneva);

One international NGO meeting (to be held at Geneva).

1993

Three regional seminars (Africa, North America and Europe);

Three symposia for NGOs (Africa, North America (to be held in New York) and Europe (to be held at Geneva or Vienna));

One preparatory meeting for the North American symposium (to be held in New York);

One preparatory meeting for the international NGO meeting (to be held at Geneva or Vienna);

One international NGO meeting (to be held at Geneva or Vienna).

2. In the light of experience, it is assumed that the North American seminar and symposium in 1992 would be held consecutively for a duration of two and three days respectively and that the venue should be United Nations Headquarters in New York. In 1993, the venues of the North American seminar and NGO symposium have yet to be determined. It is also assumed that the European symposia and the international NGO meetings would be held consecutively each for a duration of two and three days respectively and that the venues would be Geneva or Vienna.

3. In 1992, the Asian Regional Seminar is scheduled to be held in Nicosia from 20 to 24 January. The preparatory meetings for the North American

symposia in 1992 and 1993 will be held in New York, while the preparatory meetings for the international meetings of NGOs will be held at Geneva in 1992 and Geneva or Vienna in 1993. The venues of the other meetings are not known at this stage.

4. It is also assumed that the seven seminars, seven symposia, four preparatory meetings and two international meetings programmed would be organized as follows:

(a) They are not expected to be hosted by Governments and an exception to General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 would therefore have to be made for those meetings held away from the Committee's established headquarters;

(b) For each seminar there would be 20 experts (10 experts for the North American seminar) and some 100 to 150 participants;

(c) For each symposium there would be 6 experts and 100 to 150 participants;

(d) For each international NGO meeting there would be 15 experts and some 250 participants;

(e) For each of the two preparatory meetings for the North American symposia there would be 12 experts;

(f) For each of the two preparatory meetings for the international NGO meetings there would be 24 to 26 experts;

(g) The seminars, symposia and meetings would be attended by up to six staff members, usually including four staff members of the Division for Palestinian Rights, one information officer and one administrative/finance officer;

(h) Five members of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, acting in their official capacity, would attend each seminar, symposium and meeting;

(i) On the occasion of each seminar, symposium and meeting, the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People would host a reception for participants;

(j) Where meetings take place away from United Nations conference locations, and subject to the guidelines as governed by General Assembly resolution 41/177 C, annex, planning missions would be required to evaluate the facilities that would be available;

(k) Provision would also have to be made for the rental of premises and such items as interpretation equipment, local transportation and other ancillary services.

Annex II

CONFERENCE-SERVICING REQUIREMENTS

It is assumed that the programme of meetings will have the following requirements:

(a) For each regional seminar there would be 22 documents with a total of 300 pages, 7 documents with a total of 100 pages and 1 document of 35 pages (12 documents with a total of 150 pages, 5 documents with a total of 50 pages and 1 document of 35 pages for the North American seminar) of pre-, in- and post-session documentation respectively (English and French in respect of North America and Europe; English, French and Spanish in respect of Latin America and the Caribbean; Arabic, English and French in respect of Africa and Asia). Interpretation would be provided in the same languages as envisaged for the documentation;

(b) For each symposium there would be six documents with a total of 60 pages, six documents with a total of 75 pages and one document of 35 pages of pre-, in- and post-session documentation and interpretation in the same languages as indicated for the seminars in the corresponding regions;

(c) For each international meeting of NGOs there would be 12 documents with a total of 120 pages, 7 documents with a total of 90 pages and 1 document of 35 pages of pre-, in- and post-session documentation respectively (Arabic, English, French and Spanish);

(d) For each preparatory meeting there would be six documents with a total of 25 pages, six documents with a total of 30 pages and one document of 20 pages respectively of pre-, in- and post-session documentation in English and French;

(e) All pre- and post-session documentation would be processed in New York; Geneva would be responsible for in-session services for meetings held in Europe and Africa, and New York would be responsible for in-session services in respect of meetings taking place in Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean;

(f) Travel and subsistence would be required for the conference-servicing staff to the location where the meetings would be held.

Annex III

COMPARISON OF THE PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 1992-1993 WITH THAT FOR 1990-1991

The programme of meetings for 1992-1993 includes an additional European seminar of four days' duration compared with the initial programme for 1991. In addition, the number of participants at the regional seminars will be increased from 100 to between 100 and 150 and the number of experts attending the preparatory meetings for the international meetings of NGOs will be increased from 22 to between 24 and 26.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

Programme budget implications of revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 57th meeting, on 10 December 1991, the Second Committee adopted, without a vote, revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.2/46/L.60.

A. Requests contained in the revised draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 of revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190 (A/46/215-E/1991/76/Rev.1);

(b) Welcome the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl to strengthen the coordination of the international

efforts in that area, inter alia, in the setting up of the corresponding Inter-Agency Task Force and the preparation of the Joint Plan of international cooperation to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

(c) Request the organs, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue the consideration of possible technical and other specialized assistance and specific actions in the areas most affected by the accident, particularly in Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, in close cooperation with the United Nations Coordinator, taking into account the Joint Plan, as introduced by the Secretary-General at the Chernobyl Pledging Conference;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the coordination of efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in accordance with its resolution 45/190;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work

3. Coordination of activities related to addressing and mitigating the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl power plant is not included in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ nor has a related provision been included under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the revised draft resolution, the Secretary-General would continue the small unit established during 1991 principally through temporary redeployments and non-reimbursable loans in order to assist the United Nations Coordinator in:

(a) Management of the United Nations Chernobyl Trust Fund;

(b) Coordination of related activities of the United Nations system through the Inter-Agency Task Force;

(c) Liaison with the national authorities concerned;

(d) Monitoring of assistance provided by the United Nations system, as well as bilaterally in the context of the Joint Plan in response to the Secretary-General's appeal;

(e) Revision and adjustment, as required, of the Joint Plan, in consultation with the national authorities concerned;

(f) Continuation of efforts to mobilize support from the private sector, non-governmental organizations and other entities;

(g) Establishment and maintenance of a database on bilateral and multilateral assistance activities, both planned and under way;

(h) Dissemination of information, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat;

(i) Preparation of progress reports.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993

5. As indicated in section B, the above-mentioned activities are not programmed and hence no modifications will be required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. It is anticipated that, should the General Assembly adopt the revised draft resolution, the activities outlined in section C would require the services of a total of two Professional and higher-level staff members (one at the D-1 level and one at the P-4 level) as well as a support staff of two from the General Service category (Other levels), together with provision for consultants, overtime, a personal computer, travel of staff, contractual translation and printing, supplies and general operating expenses.

7. On a full-cost basis, these additional requirements for 1992 are estimated at $424,500, according to the following breakdown:

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(a)	Consultants	20 000
(b)	Overtime	300
(c)	Temporary posts	247 100
(d)	Common staff costs	86 100
(e)	Travel of staff	30 000
(f)	Contractual services	23 000
(g)	General operating expenses	9 000
(h)	Supplies and materials	1 000
(i)	Office automation equipment	8 000
		424 500

8. At the present stage, continuation of coordinating activities relating to the Joint Plan will require support from the regular budget. Should those activities extend beyond 1992, however, the Secretary-General proposes to seek to identify alternative financing from the United Nations Chernobyl Trust Fund or through contributions from parties, including organizations of the United Nations system, carrying out activities under the Joint Plan. Details of such proposals would be included in the report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session that is requested in the revised draft resolution.

F. Potential for absorption

9. It is not anticipated that any of the above requirements can be absorbed within the provisions under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1, it is anticipated that net additional resources of $424,500 would be required.

H. Contingency fund

11. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under that procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

12. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the required costs from the contingency fund, the implementation of the revised draft resolution may have to be postponed, as provided for in the criteria for use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

13. Should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1, it is estimated that an additional non-recurrent appropriation of $424,500 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, an amount of $71,500 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.39

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 53rd meeting, held on 2 December 1991, the Second Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39 as orally revised. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.2/46/L.76.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse the Declaration of the Special High-level Council and encourage the members of the Council to embark actively on the implementation of their tasks, with particular attention to increasing public awareness of the potential for disaster reduction and raising support for the activities of the Decade from Governments, funding organizations and the business community (operative para. 1);

(b) Endorse the recommendations contained in the first annual report of the Scientific and Technical Committee on the Decade, while recognizing that implementation by disaster-vulnerable countries of the targets set by that Committee would constitute significant progress in reducing the impact of disaster during the Decade (operative para. 2);

(c) Endorse also the proposal of the Scientific and Technical Committee concerning the convening in 1994 of a world conference of representatives of national committees for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which would bring together participants from a broad range of sectors of activity, including the scientific and technological sector, the business sector and the industrial sector, as well as non-governmental groups, and which would serve as a substantive contribution to the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the Decade, called for in General Assembly resolution 44/236 (operative para. 3);

(d) Request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the activities of the Decade (operative para. 8).

B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the medium-term plan and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution are related to major programme VII, programme 37 (Disaster relief and mitigation, and special emergency programmes) subprogramme 2 (Disaster mitigation) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ They are also related to, but not programmed under, section 30 (Disaster relief operations) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 2/ in which it is indicated, in paragraph 30.1, that details on staff and resources for the Decade secretariat are to be provided separately.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. With regard to the activities for the Decade as envisaged for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/46/266-E/1991/106/Add.1), it is understood that the Special High-level Council would continue to provide the Secretary-General with overall advice for the implementation of the objective and goals of the Decade. The Council would meet annually during the biennium and focus on improvement of capabilities at the national level, particularly human resources, mobilization of support for disaster mitigation activities from the public and private sectors, increased involvement of the media, development of incentives for natural disaster mitigation and international coordination. The Scientific and Technical Committee would meet twice in 1992 and once in 1993 and continue to develop, within the International Framework of Action for the Decade, specific programmes to reduce losses from natural disasters, paying attention to priorities and gaps in technical knowledge identified at the national level, and continue to assess and evaluate the activities carried out in the course of the Decade, as envisaged in document A/46/266-E/1991/106/Add.1. The Committee would continue to report annually to the Secretary-General, making recommendations on the above-mentioned programmes.

5. The Decade secretariat, established at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in close association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO), and under the overall guidance of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, would provide substantive and secretarial support to the Special High-level Council and the Scientific and Technical Committee and facilitate the exchange of information between those bodies. The secretariat would also provide support to national committees in the development of national disaster reduction plans; assist the Member States in the development and implementation of disaster mitigation projects; coordinate Decade activities with other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations; undertake research and disseminate information material, in consultation with the Scientific and Technical Committee and national committees; and issue a bi-monthly newsletter Stop Disasters. The Decade secretariat would continuously monitor the implementation of the International Framework of Action and the achievement of the Decade targets and goals, and prepare the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Decade for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

6. As indicated in paragraph 3 above, activities related to the Decade are not programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Accordingly, the work programme under section 30 (Disaster relief operations) subprogramme 2 (Disaster mitigation) of the proposed programme budget for that biennium would need to be modified by adding the following activities:

(a) International cooperation

Emergency and humanitarian relief services

Support services for the work of the Special High-level Council and the Scientific and Technical Committee, including the facilitation of information exchange between these bodies; provision of support to national committees in the development of national disaster reduction plans; liaison with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with achieving the objective and goals of the Decade (extrabudgetary);

(b) Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation

Report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on activities implemented in the context of the Decade (extrabudgetary);

(c) Published material

Recurrent publication: bi-monthly Decade newsletter Stop Disasters (extrabudgetary);

(d) Operational activities

Advisory services on development and implementation of disaster mitigation projects (extrabudgetary);

(e) Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination of activities in the context of the Decade with other United Nations programmes and with specialized agencies of the United Nations system (extrabudgetary).

E. Financial arrangements and estimated requirements for the biennium 1992-1993

7. Under the terms of the financial arrangements outlined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 44/236, the activities of the Decade are financed from extrabudgetary resources provided by Governments, international organizations and other sources, including the private sector. In 1989, the Secretary-General established a Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which has financed activities related to the Decade since the preparatory stage, including expenditures for its secretariat.

8. On 1 January 1990, the Trust Fund had an opening balance of $67,000 accrued from the preparatory activities of 1989. For the biennium 1990-1991, voluntary contributions totalling $2,010,900 have been received, including contributions earmarked for the biennium 1992-1993, namely a contribution of $136,000 from the Government of Finland to provide for an economist and $500,000 from the Government of Japan.

9. During the biennium 1990-1991, the Trust Fund provided the following staff resources for the secretariat:

(a) A temporary L-6 post was established in August 1990 to accommodate a senior scientist through June 1992 and was provided under bilateral arrangements with the Government of the United States of America. The incumbent of the post was subsequently designated Acting Director of the Decade secretariat;

(b) A temporary P-5 post was established for the biennium 1990-1991 and financed from the Trust Fund.

10. Operating costs, including those for general temporary assistance, staff travel, general operating expenses, acquisition of furniture and equipment and supplies and materials, have been met from the resources of the Trust Fund.

Total expenditures, including provision for the above posts, amounted to $1,338,000 for the biennium 1990-1991. In addition, in 1991, the first session of the Scientific and Technical Committee was supported by the Government of Germany, and the second session of the Committee and the inaugural session of the Special High-level Council were financed by the Government of Japan. During the biennium 1990-1991, the production, translation and printing of three issues of the Decade newsletter Stop Disasters was undertaken by the Vesuvius Observatory of Italy. Moreover, consultants have been provided to the secretariat by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on a part-time basis.

11. For the biennium 1992-1993, the full cost of providing conference servicing for the Special High-Level Council meeting at Geneva for one day each year of the biennium and the Scientific and Technical Committee meeting at Geneva for two sessions of one week each in 1992, and for a session of one week in 1993, is estimated at $828,700 as follows:

	1992 $	1993 $	Total $
Special High-level Council			
Conference-servicing costs			
Pre-session documentation (24 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	21 800	22 800	
Meeting servicing (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	9 900	10 400	
Post-session documentation (5 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	5 000	5 200	
Total	36 700	38 400	75 100
Other costs			
Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 10 members of the Special High-level Council meeting for one day each year	31 600	33 000	64 600
Scientific and Technical Committee			
Conference-servicing costs			
Pre-session documentation (100 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	183 000	96 000	
Meeting servicing (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	99 500	52 200	

	1992 $	1993 $	Total $
In-session documentation (90 pages, 9 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	165 800	87 000	
Post-session documentation (24 pages, 3 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	46 000	24 100	
Total	494 300	259 300	753 600
Other costs			
Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 25 members of the Scientific and Technical Committee for two sessions of one week each in 1992 and one session of one week in 1993	188 900	95 700	284 600

12. The non-conference-servicing costs of travel and daily subsistence allowance for participants in the meetings of the two bodies, totalling $349,200, is expected to be financed from a fund of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). However, it is anticipated that the conference-servicing costs for meetings of the Special High-level Council and the Scientific and Technical Committee would, as was the practice in the current biennium, be funded from the regular budget of the United Nations within the overall conference-servicing capacity of the Organization.

13. With regard to the Decade secretariat, in addition to the posts referred to in paragraph 9 above, bilateral arrangements with the Government of Finland would provide for a P-4 post for an economist during 1992. Moreover, given the level and scope of responsibilities attached to the Decade secretariat, it is proposed to establish a post for the Director of the secretariat at the D-2 level, effective January 1992, in order to provide overall coordination of the Decade activities and generate much-needed voluntary contributions. Negotiations are also under way with prospective donors regarding provision for two experts in support of national committee and public information activities.

14. On the basis of the above proposals, the staffing of the Decade secretariat and related costs for 1992-1993 would be as follows:

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(a)	1 D-2 post for the Director of the secretariat, responsible for the management and supervision of all work of the secretariat and the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources to support its activities	
	January 1992-December 1993	329 200
(b)	1 L-6 post, funded by the Government of the United States for a senior scientist to provide technical advice on disaster-related issues (consultations with the donor are under way for possible continuation of this arrangement)	
	January-June 1992	75 800
(c)	1 P-5 post for a senior officer responsible for the initiation, planning and coordination of activities for the Decade	
	January 1992-December 1993	284 200
(d)	1 P-4 post, funded by the Government of Finland, for an economist to advise on the cost benefits of disaster mitigation	
	January-December 1992	121 700
	Total	810 900

15. In addition, it is estimated the secretariat would require $669,500 for its operation and other costs during the biennium 1992-1993, as detailed below:

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General temporary assistance (equivalent to 48 work-months at the General Service level)	269 500
Travel of staff	130 000
External printing	20 000
General operating expenses	20 000
Communications	40 000
Supplies and materials	18 000
Hospitality	6 000
Advisory services (operational projects)	166 000
Total	669 500

16. In accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, a programme support provision of 13 per cent, or $192,400, would be added to the costs of $1,480,400 estimated in paragraphs 14 and 15 above, amounting to a total of $1,672,800 to be financed from the Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in 1992-1993. As mentioned in paragraph 12, the estimated non-conference-servicing costs of $349,200 for travel and per diem for participants in the meetings of the two bodies in 1992-1993 are expected to be funded from UNDP sources.

F. Potential for absorption

Conference-servicing costs

17. As indicated in paragraph 11 above, the estimates of conference-servicing costs totalling $828,700 would be provided from the overall conference-servicing capacity of the Organization. These estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 (Conference services) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for the biennium 1992-1993. As indicated in section 32, paragraph 32.5, of the proposed programme budget, however, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992-1993 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that were programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

Non-conference-servicing costs

18. As indicated in paragraph 16, the estimated requirements from the Trust Fund for the biennium 1992-1993 would amount to $1,672,800. Bearing in mind the expected Trust Fund balance of $739,900 at the end of December 1991, additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $932,900 would be required to maintain the secretariat and implement activities in the forthcoming biennium.

G. Summary

19. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39, the additional activities as detailed in paragraph 6 above would be included under section 30 (Disaster relief operations) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

20. Adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.39 by the General Assembly would have no financial implications for the United Nations regular budget. However, additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $932,900 would be required for the biennium 1992-1993 in order to implement the Decade activities. Should additional voluntary contributions not materialize, the activities proposed would have to be deferred until sufficient resources were available under the Trust Fund.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND PEACE INITIATIVES

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/46/L.30

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 5 and 8 of part A of draft resolution A/46/L.30, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to continue to afford the fullest possible support to the Central American Governments in their efforts to consolidate peace, especially by taking the measures necessary for the maintenance, establishment and effective functioning of the appropriate verification machinery;

(b) Fully endorse the efforts of the Secretary-General to bring about peace in Central America and in particular his active role as an intermediary in Guatemala and El Salvador;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on progress made in implementing the resolution.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5 and 8 of part B of draft resolution A/46/L.30, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system to provide, as appropriate and within the available resources, the necessary technical and financial support to the Central American Governments for the purpose of consolidating the processes of peace, freedom, democratization and development in the region;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on progress made in implementing the resolution.

B. Relationship of proposed request to the approved programme of work

3. The above request relates to subprogramme 1 (Good offices and peacemaking) of programme 1 (Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ While resources are provided in the proposed programme budget 2/ for activities in support of the Secretary-General's functions in the area of international peace and security, related activities are often not programmed in the programme budget since their very nature often precludes such an approach. This is true of the Secretary-General's activities in promoting a firm and lasting peace in Central America.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would, with respect to the requests outlined in paragraph 1 above:

(a) Continue his current engagement in the diplomatic efforts in search of solutions to conflicts in the region, specifically in El Salvador and Guatemala, including active and continuous participation in the negotiating process between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), and the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca;

(b) Provide substantive input and assistance to the negotiating parties in their search for a durable and stable peace in their respective countries;

(c) Prepare a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the resolution.

5. While the activities outlined in (a) and (b) above are stated in broad and general terms, participation in the search for peace in the region has meant the day-to-day involvement of the Organization in the negotiating

process. Further to the request in late 1989 by the five Central American Presidents to engage more actively in diplomatic efforts in search of solutions to conflicts in the region, specifically in El Salvador, the Secretary-General appointed a Personal Representative for the Central American Peace Process in order to assist him in coordinating the discharge of the complex and varied issues relating to or flowing from the negotiations between the Government of El Salvador and FMLN.

6. These negotiations have undergone various phases; they include a direct dialogue between negotiating commissions and involve the active participation of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and mediation by the Secretary-General himself. In this way a number of agreements have been concluded: in Geneva in April 1990 on the negotiating framework, in Caracas in May 1990 on the general agenda and timetable, in San Jose in July 1990 on human rights, in Mexico City in April 1991 on constitutional reforms and in September 1991 in New York on political agreements including economic and social questions. Negotiations are currently continuing on those items remaining on the agenda.

7. The intensive pace of the negotiations has placed a heavy burden on the Organization. It hardly needs to be stressed that the presence of the Secretary-General or of his Personal Representative for the Central American Peace Process at the negotiating table does not occur in isolation, but is supported by staff working to help the efforts to find solutions to conflict and strife, to find acceptable compromises or to assist in the dialogue between differing parties.

8. The increasing involvement of the United Nations in the efforts for peace in the region has also included participation in such bodies as the Security Commission of the Esquipulas II agreement, whose work the General Assembly, in operative paragraph 3 of part b of the draft resolution, welcomes with satisfaction. In addition, the specific tasks entrusted to the Organization, for example, in the agreement of 25 September 1991 between the Government of El Salvador and FMLN have greatly enlarged the responsibilities of the United Nations in the peace process.

9. The quickening of the negotiating pace that has occurred in 1991, however, has stretched the limited human resources dedicated to this endeavour almost to the breaking point. While the agreements reached and the progress made in the negotiations on El Salvador may augur well for achieving national reconciliation in the near future, the responsibilities placed on the Organization will continue to be heavy and far-reaching in order to assist this process in the months following a cease-fire. At the same time, the dialogue conducted in Guatemala continues with the support and participation of the Organization and a role for the United Nations in verification of agreements is also foreseen.

10. The active role the Organization has played in the Central American region has enjoyed the full support of Member States, as expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 45/15 of 20 November 1990. The Security

Council, most recently in resolution 714 (1991) of 30 September 1991, congratulated the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative for Central America for their skilful and tireless efforts which had been vital to the peace process, reaffirmed its strong support for the urgent completion of the peace process in El Salvador and expressed its readiness to support the implementation of a settlement.

11. With respect to the requests outlined in paragraph 2 above, the Secretary-General would provide support, as appropriate and from within available resources, to the Central American Governments for the wider purpose of consolidating the processes of peace, freedom, democratization and development in the region and report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

12. As noted in section B above, activities in this area are not programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Consequently, no modification will be required.

E. Requirements at full cost

13. It is anticipated that, should the General Assembly adopt part A of the draft resolution, activities outlined in paragraphs 4 to 10 above would require the establishment of two Professional posts (P-5 and P-4) to assist in all aspects of the negotiating efforts. This would include research and analysis of outstanding negotiating issues, preparation of background papers, organization of expert meetings to help to find compromise solutions, maintenance and updating of information and files relating to the negotiating process and serving as focal point within the Secretariat.

14. One of the officers would assist the Secretary-General or his Personal Representative in the negotiating sessions, while the second officer would backstop the effort from Headquarters. To assist with subject-matters outside the scope of the United Nations staff involved, consulting services would be required on such subjects as the new national civilian police in El Salvador. It would also be necessary to provide for a secretary and office automation equipment. In addition, frequent travel to the Central American region is inevitable in the context of the peace efforts.

15. On a full-cost basis, these additional net requirements for the first year of the biennium 1992-1993 are estimated at $761,500 as follows:

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Consultants	278 400
Temporary posts	186 400
Common staff costs	71 800
Travel of staff	219 900
Maintenance of office automation equipment	800
Acquisition of office automation equipment	4 200
Total	761 500

F. Potential for absorption

16. In carrying out the activities outlined in paragraphs 4 to 10 above, the Secretary-General designated a senior member of his office as Personal Representative and has relied on the supporting services of staff members assigned on an ad hoc basis for these functions. In addition, it should be noted that these extremely limited human resources have been supplemented by commitments for consultancy services, travel and related costs entered into by the Secretary-General under the authority granted him by paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 44/203 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1990-1991. It should be noted that such expenditures, which will be reflected in the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, are estimated at $964,400 during 1990-1991.

17. Given the range and pace of developments in the Central American peace process, the Secretary-General does not believe that current ad hoc arrangements for staff support of his efforts and those of his Personal Representative would provide an adequate or satisfactory basis for continuation of his support to Central American Goverments as would be requested under paragraph 1 (a) above. In addition, experience in 1990-1991 clearly indicates that travel and other related costs cannot be absorbed. Accordingly, it is not anticipated that any of the requirements outlined in section E above can be absorbed from within the provisions under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

18. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.30, it is estimated that additional net resources of $761,500 would be required for 1992.

H. Contingency Fund

19. Under the new budget process established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, additional expenditures proposed over and above those in the proposed programme budget should be accommodated within a contingency fund provisionally established at a level of $19 million for the biennium 1992-1993 by General Assembly resolution 45/225 of 21 December 1990. Paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213, however, provides, inter alia, that revised estimates:

> "... arising from the impact of extraordinary expenses, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as fluctuations in rates of exchange and inflation, shall not be covered by the Contingency Fund and shall continue to be treated in accordance with established procedures and under the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules. ..."

20. It is the Secretary-General's view that the additional requirements that would arise, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.30, are clearly of an extraordinary nature, relating to the maintenance of peace and security and should thus be treated outside the procedures related to the Contingency Fund.

I. Summary

21. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.30, it is estimated that an additional appropriation of $761,500 would be required for 1992 under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, an amount of $54,800 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under Income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

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UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/46/L.25, A/46/L.31, A/46/L.32, A/46/L.41, A/46/L.42, and A/46/L.43

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. International efforts towards the total eradication of apartheid and support for the establishment of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa (A/46/L.32)

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/46/L.32, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General "to continue to ensure the coordination of activities of the United Nations system in the fulfilment of the Declaration on Apartheid and of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session", and would further request the Secretary-General "to continue monitoring the implementation of the Declaration as well as pursuing appropriate initiatives to facilitate all efforts leading to the peaceful eradication of apartheid".

2. Programme of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/46/L.41)

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the report of the Special Committee 1/ and endorse its recommendations relating to its programme of work (para. 2);

(b) Authorize the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate as the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid and for the promotion of the implementation of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, 2/ and acting with the support services of the Centre against Apartheid:

(i) To continue monitoring closely developments in South Africa and the actions of the international community, particularly regarding appropriate pressure on South Africa and timely assistance to the victims and opponents of apartheid;

(ii) To continue mobilizing international action in support of the early establishment of a democratic, non-racial South Africa, inter alia, through collection, analysis and dissemination of information, through liaison and consultations with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and relevant groups and individuals, both inside and outside South Africa, able to influence public opinion and decision-making, and through missions, hearings, conferences, publicity and other pertinent activities, and to continue undertaking activities aimed at supporting the political process towards the establishment of a non-racial, democratic South Africa (para. 3);

(c) Decide to continue the authorization of adequate financial provision in the regular budget of the United Nations to enable the African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania to maintain offices in New York in order to participate effectively in the deliberations of the Special Committee against Apartheid and other appropriate bodies (para. 7);

(d) Decide that the special allocation of 480,000 United States dollars to the Special Committee for 1992 from the regular budget of the United Nations should be used towards the cost of special projects aimed at promoting the process towards the elimination of apartheid and the democratization of South Africa, with particular emphasis on the issues of constitution building, human rights, domestic peace, education and training, and ways to help address the serious socio-economic inequalities in the country (para. 8).

3. Military and other collaboration with South Africa (A/46/L.42)

3. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6, the General Assembly would request the Special Committee against Apartheid "to keep the issue of military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa under constant review and to report thereon to the General Assembly and the Security Council as appropriate".

4. Relations between South Africa and Israel (A/46/L.43)

4. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 the General Assembly would request the Special Committee against Apartheid "to continue to monitor the relations between South Africa and Israel and keep them under constant review and report to the General Assembly and the Security Council as appropriate".

5. Oil embargo against South Africa (A/46/L.31)

5. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 4, and 5 the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa 3/ and endorse its recommendations (para. 1);

(b) Authorize the Intergovernmental Group to take action to promote public awareness of the oil embargo against South Africa, including, when necessary, sending missions and participating in relevant conferences and meetings (para. 4);

(c) Request the Intergovernmental Group to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on the implication of the present resolution (para. 5).

6. United Nations educational and training programme for Southern Africa (A/46/L.25)

6. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4, the General Assembly would welcome "the recommendation made in the Paris Statement that a follow-up conference be convened in the first half of 1992 under the auspices of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and within existing resources".

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

7. The activities referred to in the draft resolutions would fall under Programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 4/ Furthermore, the information activities in relation to the programme recommended in the draft resolutions would fall under Programme 38, Public information, of the medium-term plan. 5/

8. The estimated cost of the expected activities of the Special Committee and other bodies engaged in activities against apartheid are provided for in section 7A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 6/ in view of their "perennial" character. The related provisions under that subsection for the biennium amount to $2,575,300. Moreover, the substantive servicing of the Special Committee and of the other bodies engaged in activities against apartheid as well as other activities in relation to the programme are covered under subsection 7B of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. A related provision in the amount of $5,609,500 has also been proposed under that subsection for the activities of the Centre against Apartheid. Lastly, the information activities in relation to the programme have been programmed under subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and subprogramme 2, Information services, and related provisions for those activities are proposed under section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

9. The activities required for the implementation of the requests contained in draft resolutions A/46/L.25, A/46/L.31, A/46/L.32, A/46/L.41, A/46/L.42, and A/46/L.43, referred to in paragraphs 1 to 6 above, have been programmed under the following sections of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget:

(a) Section 7A, "Policy-making organs";

(b) Section 7B, "Centre against Apartheid";

(c) Section 31, subprogramme 1, "Promotional Services", and subprogramme 2, "Information services".

They are also referred to by the Special Committee in its annual report to the General Assembly, 1/ and the report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa. 3/ It is estimated that no additional resources would be required for their implementation.

10. In respect of draft resolution A/46/L.41, it should be noted that the Special Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, would carry out a number of activities as reflected in the annex to the present statement in order to meet the requirements called for in the resolution. These activities are referred to in section 7A, paragraph 7.10, of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

11. In respect of operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/46/L.41, a provision of $371,400 for the year 1992 (at 1992 rates) has been proposed to cover the anticipated grants to the African National Congress of South Africa and to the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania for the maintenance of their offices in New York. The related justification appears in paragraph 7.23 of section 7A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

12. It has also been estimated with regard to information activities under the programme that resources additional to the provision already made under section 31 of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget would not be warranted.

13. In respect of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/46/L.25, the holding of a follow-up conference, to be convened under the auspices of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa referred to in paragraph 6 above, would be incorporated in the programme of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Centre against Apartheid outlined in the annex to the present document.

14. The activities of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies in 1992 would also require conference-servicing from the Secretariat. The substantive servicing of the Committee and other bodies and activities along with related resources have been programmed under sections 7A and 7B of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. 7/ Their sessions and meetings are part of the 1992 calendar of the United Nations meetings and conferences 8/ and conference-servicing requirements would be accommodated from within the permanent resources of the Department of Conference Services programmed under section 32 of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. 9/ No additional resources would, therefore, be required.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

15. Should the General Assenbly approve the requests contained in draft resolutions A/46/L.25, A/46/L.31, A/46/L.32, A/46/L.41, A/46/L.42 and A/46/L.43, their implementation would not require any modification of the relevant subprogrammes under section 7 or 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Conclusions

16. The costs of the 1992 programmes of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid and of the Intergovernmental Group are thus estimated at $567,300 at full cost. On the basis of past expenditure levels, it is estimated that no more than $432,900, representing the 1992 portion of the total provision $902,500 contained in the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget for regular activities of the Special Committee and other intergovernmental bodies dealing with the elimination of apartheid, would be required to carry out the regular activities in 1992.

17. In respect of the special projects of the Special Committee, the special allocation that the General Assembly would decide to make to the Special Committee under the terms of draft resolution A/46/L.41 would be in the amount of $480,000. In that regard, the 1992 portion of the resources contained in the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget is $455,000, resulting in a shortfall of $25,000, which could be met from the 1993 portion of the provision. As to the requirements ($371,400) in respect of grants to national liberation movements, they would be entirely covered by the 1992 portion of the provision contained in the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget.

18. As regards the activities of the Department of Public Information in relation to the programme, they have already been programmed under section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

19. On the basis of the information contained in paragraphs 16 to 18, the estimates for 1992 are summarized in the table below.

Section	Description	Full cost of 1992 activities	1992 portion of resources	Difference + (-)
		$	$	$
7	Regular activities of the Special Committee	567 300	432 900 a/	(134 400)
7	Activities of the Intergovernmental Group (Oil and Petroleum)	a/	a/	(-)
7	Special projects of the Special Committee	480 000	455 000	(25 000)
7	Grants to national liberation movements	371 400	371 400	-
	SUBTOTAL, Section 3	1 418 700	1 259 300	(159 400)
31	Activities of the Department of Public Information in relation to activities under agenda item 37	b/	b/	-
	TOTAL	1 418 700	1 259 300	(159 400)

a/ The provisions for the activities of both the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa are made globally. The 1992 portion of the 1992-1993 resources are estimated at $432,900.

b/ Resources proposed under section 31 for the 1992-1993 biennium for the implementation of the activities under consideration are commingled with resources relating to other information activities carried out by the Department for Public Information.

20. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve draft resolutions A/46/L.25, A/46/L.31, A/46/L.32, A/46/L.41, A/46/L.42 and A/46/L.43, no additional appropriation would be required under sections 7, 31 or 32.

Notes

1/ A/46/22.

2/ Resolution S-16/1.

3/ A/46/44-S/23126.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

5/ Ibid., vol. II.

6/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

7/ Ibid., vol. I, paras. 7.10-7.17 and 7.25-7.27.

8/ A/46/32 and Add.1, annex II.

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

Annex

1992 PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID

Description a/	1992 No. of events or activities	1991 No. of events or activities for comparison purposes
Programme of activities of the Special Committee b/		
1. Grants to national liberation movements	2	2
2. Regular activities		
(a) Conferences and other meetings sponsored and co-sponsored:	6	7
(i) Consultations with United States and Canadian non-governmental organizations and anti-apartheid movements;		
(ii) Seminar (including preparatory meeting) on the role of the United Nations system in helping address critical socio-economic problems in South Africa;		
(iii) Follow-up of the International Conference on the Educational Needs of the Victims of Apartheid in South Africa (in cooperation with the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA));		
(iv) Consultations with non-governmental organizations and anti-apartheid movements;		
(v) Workshop on constitutional issues and human rights in South Africa (in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights);		
(vi) Roundtable of journalists (in cooperation with the Department of Public Information);		

Description a/	1992 No. of events or activities	1991 No. of events or activities for comparison purposes
(b) Missions of consultations with Governments in:	4	5
(i) Africa (particularly Southern Africa);		
(ii) Europe;		
(iii) Asia;		
(iv) North America;		
(c) Missions of participation in other United Nations activities	4	9
(d) Missions of consultations with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and other international organizations	3	3
(i) Meetings of the OAU Liberation Committee;		
(ii) OAU Council of Ministers and Summit;		
(iii) Movement of Non-Aligned Countries;		
(e) International days and other events	4	4
(i) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Roundtable with representatives of South African youth organizations);		
(ii) International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling People of South Africa (Roundtable with representatives of South African civic organizations, business and labour);		
(iii) International Day of Solidarity with the Struggle of Women in South Africa (Roundtable on issues of women and children and the building of non-sexist society in South Africa);		
(iv) Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners (Roundtable on the needs of political prisoners and returning political exiles);		

Description a/	1992 No. of events or activities	1991 No. of events or activities for comparison purposes
(v) Participation of representatives of the liberation movements in the General Assembly;		
(vi) Participation of representatives of the liberation movements in the observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March), 20 March 1992, Geneva;		
(f) Hearings with South Africans on the implementation of the National Peace Accord	2	1
(g) Other events	4	3
(i) Participation of representatives of the liberation movements in the General Assembly;		
(ii) Participation of representatives of the liberation movements in the observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March), 20 March 1992, Geneva;		
(iii) Fund-raising concert.		
3. Special allocation for special projects (grants)	35	35
4. Information activities by the Department of Public Information in relation to the programme of work of the Special Committee	c/	c/

a/ Detailed descriptions relate to events or activities for 1992 only.

b/ Conference-servicing requirements in relation to the activities will be met from resources under section 32.

c/ Information not available.

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Offices of the Secretary-General in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq

Report of the Secretary-General

INTRODUCTION

1. In its resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987, the Security Council, inter alia, demanded an immediate cease-fire between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq and requested the Secretary-General to dispatch a team of United Nations observers to verify, confirm and supervise the cease-fire and withdrawal of Iranian and Iraqi forces. In his report to the Security Council on this aspect of the resolution of 7 August 1988, 1/ the Secretary-General proposed formation of a team of observers to be known as the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) and, in its resolution 619 (1988), the Security Council approved the report and set up UNIIMOG under its authority. The mandate of the Group was subsequently reviewed and extended twice yearly, most recently to 28 February 1991.

2. In his report to the Security Council on UNIIMOG dated 26 February 1991, 2/ the Secretary-General indicated his conclusion that paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 598 (1987) could now be considered implemented. Accordingly, the mandate of UNIIMOG came to an end on 28 February 1991. He also indicated that he had informed the parties of his intention to recommend to the Security Council that UNIIMOG should be replaced by small civilian offices. The offices in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq would, however, each include two or three military observers who would be available to investigate and help to resolve any difficulties of a military nature that might arise on the border.

3. In his letter of 26 February 1991 to the President of the Security Council, 3/ the Secretary-General indicated his intention to begin contacts with the parties on the manner in which he would pursue the other tasks entrusted to him by Security Council resolution 598 (1987). Such tasks would, in his opinion, be facilitated by establishment in the region, and particularly in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq, of civilian offices which, with appropriate Headquarters support, would help him to carry on his work. He also recommended attachment of a few military officers to those offices. In his letter of 28 February 1991 to the Secretary-General, 4/ the President of the Security Council indicated that the members of the Council agreed with the observations and recommendations contained in his report and in his letter and concurred with the arrangements proposed.

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND IRAQ

4. On the basis of this mandate, the Secretary-General proceeded to establish in April 1991 small civilian offices at Tehran and Baghdad, each including three military observers to allow the United Nations to respond promptly to any request from the parties to investigate matters for which military expertise would be required. The concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) was granted for the Secretary-General to enter into related commitments of up to $3 million, under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 44/203 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1990-1991, for the period to 31 December 1991.

5. Details of the activities of the Offices of the Secretary-General in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq, pursuant to Security Council resolution 598 (1987), are given in the Secretary-General's report to the Security Council 5/ on the implementation of the resolution. In the report, the Secretary-General also indicates that the Offices have been an example of how, at the appropriate time, a peace-keeping operation can be phased out and replaced by other effective means to assist in maintaining favourable peace-making conditions. In addition to their specific functions related to Security Council resolution 598 (1991), the Secretary-General, in his report on the work of the Organization, 6/ also highlighted the role of these offices, as well as those in Kabul and Islamabad, in preventive diplomacy. With the establishment of these offices, a modest beginning has been made towards enhancing the early-warning capacity of the Organization by providing field representation commensurate with need in a volatile region in search of peace and stability.

6. As indicated in his report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987), the Secretary-General believes that the presence of offices of the Secretary-General in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq, and perhaps another interested country in the region, will be a continuing requirement. Accordingly, additional requirements will arise for the continuation of the Offices in 1992, as outlined below.

II. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 1992

7. It is estimated that expenditure on the Offices for April to December 1991 will be $3,015,000, as detailed in annex I to the present report. This results from economy measures to keep commitments in 1991 within the $3 million limit prescribed by ACABQ and will be reflected in the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

8. Estimates for 1992 are based on expenditure patterns in 1991, but also reflect a proposed increase in staffing of 5 posts (2 P-5, 1 P-4 and 2 local level) compared with current levels. It should be noted, however, that this would still be significantly less than the original level of staffing proposed. Details of proposed staffing are shown in annex II to the present report.

9. Based on these assumptions, it is estimated that net requirements in 1992 will amount to $4,410,400. Details of these requirements are shown in annex III to the present report.

10. It is not anticipated that these additional requirements can be absorbed within provisions under section 2 (Good offices and peace-making; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 7/ Accordingly, an additional appropriation of $4,410,400 would be required under section 2, together with an additional appropriation of $363,100 under section 36 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under Income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

III. CONTINGENCY FUND

11. Under the budget process established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, additional expenditures proposed over and above those in the proposed programme budget should be accommodated within a contingency fund provisionally established at a level of $19 million for the biennium 1992-1993 by General Assembly resolution 45/255 of 21 December 1990. Paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213, however, provides, inter alia, that revised estimates:

> "... arising from the impact of extraordinary expenses, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as fluctuations in rates of exchange and inflation, shall not be covered by the Contingency Fund and shall continue to be treated in accordance with established procedures and under the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules. ..."

12. It is the Secretary-General's view that the additional requirements indicated in this report are clearly of an extraordinary nature, relating to the maintenance of peace and security and should thus be treated outside the procedures related to the Contingency Fund.

IV. SUMMARY

13. It is estimated that net requirements for the Offices in 1992 will amount to $4,410,400. Accordingly, an appropriation of $4,410,400 will be required under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

14. Furthermore, an additional appropriation of $363,100 will be required under section 36, offset by the same amount under Income section 1.

15. The Secretary-General believes that these requirements should be dealt with under the provisions of paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 and should thus be treated outside the procedures of the Contingency Fund.

Notes

1/ S/20093.

2/ S/22263.

3/ S/22279.

4/ S/22280.

5/ S/23246.

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1), sect. V.

7/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

Annex I

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE IN 1991

	Estimated expenditure in 1991 $
Temporary posts	603 000
Military officers' allowances	352 000
Common staff costs	1 186 000
Travel of staff	29 000
Travel of military officers	42 000
Rental and maintenance of premises	57 000
Utilities	5 000
Rental and maintenance of equipment	35 000
Communications	49 000
Miscellaneous services	26 000
Supplies and materials	61 000
Vehicles	144 000
Communications equipment	383 000
Other equipment	43 000
Total	3 015 000

Annex II

PROPOSED STAFFING OF THE OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND IRAQ

	Tehran			Baghdad			Third country			Headquarters			Total		
	Originally proposed	Current staffing	Proposed for 1992	Originally proposed	Current staffing	Proposed for 1992	Originally proposed	Current staffing	Proposed for 1992	Originally proposed	Current staffing	Proposed for 1992	Originally proposed	Current staffing	Proposed for 1992
D-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2
P-5	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	1	3
P-4	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2
Total, Professional	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	9	4	7
General Service (other level)	4	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	4	2	2	14	2	2
Field Service	2	5	5	2	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	10
Local level	9	8	8	9	7	9	4	-	-	-	-	-	22	15	17
Total, other levels	15	13	13	15	12	14	6	-	-	4	2	2	40	27	29
Grand total	18	16	16	18	13	17	8	-	-	5	2	3	49	31	36
Military officers	3	3	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6

Annex III

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND IRAQ IN 1992

	Estimated requirements for 1992 $
Temporary posts	1 379 400
Military officers' allowances	493 100
Common staff costs	1 866 300
Travel of staff	52 000
Travel of military officers	44 400
Rental and maintenance of premises	148 200
Utilities	24 000
Rental and maintenance of equipment	76 600
Communications	117 800
Miscellaneous services	49 000
Miscellaneous supplies	105 600
Vehicles	11 000
Communications equipment	27 000
Miscellaneous equipment	16 000
Total	4 410 400

Resource requirements (at initial 1992-1993 rates)

Temporary posts

1. The original proposals of the Secretary-General for staffing of UNOSGI involved 49 posts (9 Professional and above, 14 General Service (other level), 4 Field Service and 22 local level), including provision for 8 posts (2 Professional and above, 2 General Service (other level) and 4 local level) for a small office in a third country in the region. In authorizing the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Offices in 1991 under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213, ACABQ limited that authorization to $3 million, significantly less than originally requested. In order to restrict spending to that level, a number of economies were implemented, including restriction of staffing levels to 31 (4 Professional and above, 2 General Service (other level), 10 Field Service and 15 local level). Details of the original proposals, current staffing and proposals for 1992 are shown in annex II.

2. For 1992 it is proposed to add five posts to these reduced staffing levels. It is proposed to add a P-5 post in New York to provide the necessary liaison and coordination support for the Offices at Headquarters. Experience has confirmed that the current staffing of the office at Baghdad is quite

inadequate and that it is necessary to bring staffing up to the level of the Tehran office by the addition of 2 Professional posts (1 P-5 and 1 P-4). In addition, the Baghdad office may be moved to a location away from the main United Nations compound in Baghdad, in which case additional local staff will be required to provide security. It is thus proposed to add 2 local level posts to current staffing.

3. The provision for common staff costs for international staff includes provision for mission subsistence allowance ($1,341,600) at current rates.

Military officers' allowances and travel

4. Three military officers have been assigned to each of the two offices and provision is included for their subsistence allowance ($493,100) and travel to and from the mission ($44,400).

Travel of staff

5. Requirements of $52,000 are estimated for up to four trips between each of the two offices and New York for consultations and briefings.

Rental and maintenance of premises and utilities

6. Requirements for rental of premises in Tehran are estimated at $57,000. In addition, it is believed to be preferable to move the Baghdad office away from the United Nations compound in view of the sensitive nature of its work. It is hoped that the Government of Iraq will continue to provide such premises rent free, but a provision of $60,000 is included as this is not assured. In addition, provision is made for repairs and maintenance ($31,200) and utilities ($24,000).

Rental and maintenance of equipment

7. Requirements of $76,600 are estimated for maintenance and running costs of the 14 vehicles currently assigned to the Offices, 8 in Tehran and 6 in Baghdad, as well as the minibus which it is proposed to acquire for the Baghdad office.

Communications

8. Requirements of $117,800 are estimated for pouch services, commercial telex, telephone and postage charges and user charges for commercial satellite terminals.

Miscellaneous supplies and services

9. Requirements of $154,600 are estimated for services such as contractual cleaning, maintenance and security, bank charges, laundry and dry cleaning and contractual maintenance of office equipment ($30,000); freight and cleaning charges ($15,000); hospitality ($4,000); stationary and office supplies,

subscriptions, uniforms, flags, maps, firefighting equipment and general supplies ($66,000); and spare parts for communications equipment, batteries, battery chargers and factory repairs ($39,600).

Furniture and equipment

10. Provision is made for a minibus for the Baghdad office ($11,000), acquisition of stand-by generators for the Baghdad office ($17,000), installation of a security system at the Tehran office ($6,000), replacement of office furniture and equipment ($10,000) and acquisition and replacement of minor items of communications equipment ($10,000).

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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the General Assembly, upon the request of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the views of the FAO Conference at its twenty-sixth session on the conditions of service of FAO staff.

Annex

VIEWS OF THE FAO CONFERENCE AT ITS TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
ON THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE FAO STAFF

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The Conference recognized that the staff was the most valuable asset on which the successful implementation of the organization's programme depended. It endorsed the view expressed by the staff representatives that it was essential that the organization be able to recruit and retain high quality staff. To this end, the Conference urged the Member nations to take steps to ensure that they adopt a strong stand in support of issues concerning the remuneration and pension benefits of staff in the specialized agencies in the appropriate United Nations forums.

The Conference commended the Director-General for his continued perserverance and efforts in the various forums to improve conditions of service of staff. Recognizing the critical situation in respect of remuneration of staff and its negative consequences, it urged that the strong concern expressed by the Conference be brought to the attention of the General Assembly and its Fifth Committee and requested that a status report be prepared for the hundred and second session of the Council on any progress which had been achieved towards alleviating the described conditions.